

Amendments to the Specification:

1) Please add the following section after the title of the invention and before the Technical Field of The Invention section heading. An unmarked version with no underlines is provided herewith in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii).

No new matter has been included in the add section

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is an U.S. national phase application under 35 U.S.C. §371 based upon co-pending International Application No. PCT/AU2003/001332 filed on October 9, 2003. Additionally, this U.S. national phase application claims the benefit of priority of co-pending International Application No. PCT/AU2003/001332 filed on October 9, 2003, Australian Application No. 2002951928 filed on October 9, 2002, and Australian Application No. 2002953020 filed on December 2, 2002. The entire disclosures of the prior applications are incorporated herein by reference. The international application was published on April 22, 2004 under Publication No. WO 2004/033925 A1.

2) Please replace the paragraphs [0002], [0009] and [0014] with the following replacement paragraphs that correct all informalities objected to by the Examiner. Marked versions of the replacement paragraphs are provided herewith in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(ii).

No new matter has been included in replacement paragraphs.

[0002] Many arrangements are used to connect building panels in edge to edge relation. Typical arrangements are tongue and groove arrangements. Some arrangements involve cooperating edge configurations where bridging fitting is used to secure the panels together.

[0009] In one embodiment the connector member is a short plug and the expander is a grub screw. In another embodiment the connector member is a long strip and the connector member is a rod driven onto the slot.

[0014] The expander may be one way or reversible so that the connector member may release the body held when the expander is reversed. As a consequence, application of the expander may vary. Where the expander is, for example, a grub screw it may be applied and reversed using a conventional tool. The expander may be driven by a hammer from one end and reversed by operation from its opposite end by driving a rod or screw into the opposite end of the slot.

3) Additionally, please replace the abstract with the following replacement abstract which corrects all informalities objected to by the Examiner. A marked version of the replacement abstract section is provided herewith in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(2)(ii).

No new matter has been included in the replacement abstract.

Abstract

A connector (15) for connecting modules together comprises a ~~a-plastics~~ plastic connector member (16), an expander rod (17) and a threaded expander rod displacer (18). The connector member (16) has spaced dovetail style enlargements (19) on one side and a full length dovetail enlargement (20) on the other side. The connector member (16) is designed to slide in the confronting slots with the wasted sections (21) of the expander (17) located inside each of the sections (19). Once in position the threaded expander rod displacer (18) is used to axially displace the expander (17) to force the enlarged sections of the expander (17) into the sections (19) thus engaging the slot and at the same time ~~biasing~~ biasing the modules together.